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DATE: 11 SEPTEMBER 1974

SUBJECT: BULGARIAN PRESIDENT WANTS TO SEND MESSAGE TO
PRESIDENT FORD

REF : [REDACTED] SEPT 74, SECRET 25X1A2g

THE US EMBASSY IN SOFIA HAS AGAIN REPORTED THAT THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT HOPES DEPUTY PREMIER POPOV WILL BE ABLE TO SEE PRESIDENT FORD LONG ENOUGH DURING HIS COMING VISIT TO DELIVER A PERSONAL LETTER FROM PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV. POPOV WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FROM SEPTEMBER 22 TO 24.

WE SUSPECT THAT THE LETTER WILL

--URGE INCREASED ECONOMIC COOPERATION ACROSS THE BOARD.

--PUSH HARD FOR MFN AND EXPORT-IMPORT BANK CREDITS, AND

--PERHAPS INVITE PRESIDENT FORD OR SECRETARY KISSINGER TO

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VISIT BULGARIA.

POPOV WILL CERTAINLY EMPHASIZE THE BENEFITS OF INCREASED BILATERAL TRADE AND JOINT VENTURES IN HIS TALKS WITH US OFFICIALS AND BUSINESS LEADERS.

SOFIA HAS ALREADY TAKEN SEVERAL STEPS TO CLEAR THE SLATE OF GRIEVANCES AND REQUESTS THAT WASHINGTON CITED IN FEBRUARY 1973 AS OBSTACLES TO THE NORMALIZATION OF US-BULGARIAN RELATIONS.

THESE INCLUDE:

- ENDING THE JAMMING OF VOICE OF AMERICA BROADCASTS,
- CONCLUSION OF A CONSULAR CONVENTION, AND
- BEING MORE COOPERATIVE IN DIVIDED FAMILIES CASES.

SOFIA'S ACTIONS MARK A SHARP DEPARTURE FROM BULGARIA'S PREVIOUS POLICY, WHICH STRESSED THE NEED FOR EXPANDED ECONOMIC TIES BEFORE INCREASED POLITICAL COOPERATION COULD DEVELOP.

SOFIA'S WOING OF THE US IS TRANSPARENTLY DESIGNED TO MAKE POPOV'S VISIT AS PRODUCTIVE AS POSSIBLE. THE BULGARIANS HAVE BEEN PUSHING HARD FOR EXPANDED ECONOMIC TIES WITH THE WEST-- IMPLYING THAT THEY ARE LESS CONFIDENT THAN HERETOFORE OF UNLIMITED ECONOMIC SUPPORT FROM THE USSR. E-2 IMPDET.H

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